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June Meeting

The next meeting of the Quinapoxet Model Flying Club will be held on **Monday**, June 11, at Paul McCulley's home in South Lancaster. Contact Paul at 978-365-9632 for directions if needed.

Meetings officially begin at 7:30 PM, but members typically arrive by 7 for coffee and cookies, and to check out what Paul's up to in the workshop.

Once all official club business has been handled, the monthly Show and Tell session will begin. There have been all kinds of wonderful projects displayed over the years. Keep the ball rolling: bring in your current project to show the group.

See you Monday!

April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting of the QMFC was a well attended affair, with 19 members turning out.

The latest numbers on the club finances were provided by Treasurer *John Koziol*. See the brief review on page 2.

Access Road: The main gate was heaved pretty badly over the spring. Fortunately, *Bob Perreault* was able to fix things up and realign the gate posts (thanks Bob!)

The annual access road repair topic surfaced on schedule, and it was agreed that the road could stand some more gravel.

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May Meeting Minutes

The May QMFC meeting was lightly attended with fewer than a dozen members making the trip to Paul's basement.

Float Fly: Early arrivers were treated to video footage from the spring Float Fly held at Sandy Pond in Ayer on May 5. *Al Vasquez's* efforts were rewarded with excellent weather and glass-smooth water. A small but enthusiastic turnout of scouts and spectators enjoyed the event, which included buddy box flying and a barbecue lunch. Thanks to all that participated!

Field Happenings: *Bob Perreault* got the frequency board and club signs installed at the club flying site. He also volunteered to mount some frequency board signage that the AMA sent (along with this years club officer patches).

The club field was mowed and rolled for the first time this year. Bob reported that there were a number of "wrinkles" removed from the runway area.

Also, *Jason Fine* was advised to change his AMA membership to "Full" to qualify for Intro Pilot program instructor status (the AMA will not grant this status to "Junior" members). As Jason is just about

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A Bird? A Plane? A Peanut?



Bill Johnson not only brought in a model for Show And Tell, he flew it in Paul's basement. Here Charles Oliveira eyeballs the Peanut Scale model and wonders exactly how Bob Perreault will mount floats and a Magnum 120 on one of these...

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Club Instructors

The following QMFC instructors are available to get you into the air, help you advance your flying skills, or get you checked out on a new aircraft. Take advantage of the instructor's expertise before you wish you had!

Dr. Richard Bartlett	978-779-5518
Joseph Zacame	978-779-5503
William Baker	978-365-7133
Alberto Vasquez	978-433-9746
Paul McCulley	978-365-9632
Jason Fine	978-365-7344
Bob Perreault	978-537-0850

Sound Meters

The following members have sound meters to verify that a model is in compliance with the 90db @9ft sound limit. If you have any doubts about how loud your model is, ask one of these members to check it out with you.

Dr. Richard Bartlett	978-779-5518
James O'Driscoll	508-425-9141
Ron Sivonen	978-263-1909
Dave Tatosian	978-897-9291
Al Vasquez	978-433-9746
Joe Zacame	978-779-5503



QMFC Financial Report

The latest report available from Club Treasurer John Koziol covered the period from March through April, 2001. Not a whole lot of activity to cover, but for the record here it is:

Beginning Balance on March 12, 2001:	\$2334.90
Deposits:	
Membership Renewals:	\$77.00

Total Deposits:	\$77.00
Account Subtotal:	\$2411.90
Disbursements:	
Monthly fee for checking account:	\$2.50

Total Disbursements:	\$2.50
Ending Balance as of A 12, 2001:	\$2,409.40

(I bet John wrote that report with one hand tied behind his back ;-)

Stay tuned for the next financial report - which should take more than 8 lines to cover!

May Meeting Minutes

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at the end of the Junior age bracket he expected to change his membership soon anyway.

Doc's Delta Darts: *Doc Bartlett* announced that he was expecting to kick off his next AMA Delta Dart program in June, and that he was thinking of drafting *Joe Zacame* as his able assistant.

Camera Planes: *Bill Johnson* described how he mounted a servo-triggered camera in one of his high-wing models, along with the modifications he made to correct blurring caused by prop wash passing close to the camera lens. Bob used a micro servo controlled by the landing gear channel, and an inexpensive light-weight film camera (8 ounces). If you're thinking about using a model as a camera platform, be sure to talk to Bill before you start.

That's all for the May report. See you at the next meeting!

May "Show and Tell"

Bill Johnson brought in an exciting project: an AT-6 trainer from the TopFlite kit.

If I recall correctly, Bill was constructing this kit for a customer. The model details are intended to represent the Tuskegee trim scheme, and to our eyes at least, Bill had produced a beautiful model.

The model was built with four servos in the wings, two for ailerons and two for split flaps. Robart retractors were used, and the engine of choice was an OS 120 four stroke.

Bill used Chrome MonoKote film to cover the entire model sans the cowl. After attaching and shrinking the film, Bill scrubbed and scuffed the gloss right off the film, leaving a surface that really does look like weathered aluminum sheeting. He then scribed panel lines using a marking pen.



Bill clearly spent some time detailing the cockpit, shown at left, including a paint job for the flight crew.

Bill wasn't entirely happy with the TopFlite kit. His main complaint was the thickness of the balsa sheeting stock, which was 1/16 inches. Fortunately he must have been able to make it all work, because it sure was a pleasing plane to look at.

Bill's all over the map these days in his choice of projects - from Peanut Scale to 60-size war birds. Check in next month to see what he's working on next!

April "Show and Tell"

Something for everybody at the April Show and Tell show, and not a lot of room to describe them!

Hector Vasquez showed his SIG "Rascal", a knock-off of the TopFlite Rascal kit. Hector went all-electric on this model, fitting a Speed 400 geared 2.5:1.

The tapered wing spans 49 inches supports the two pound model but doesn't require struts. Hector installed a three-channel control system using micro servos for throttle, elevator, and rudder.



Finished with white and translucent green film and sporting wheel pants, this is just a lovely little plane. Another excellent build by Hector!

Jason Fine brought in the SIG Kadet LT-25 that his Adult Education class had constructed over the winter.

The model is powered by a Thunder Tiger GP 42 two stroke (an excellent choice) and is controlled by a Futaba SkySport4 radio system. Covering is white and green MonoKote film.

Hopefully this trainer will see a long life in service to the club. Well done, Jason.



April "Show and Tell"



Another month, another new plane from Al Vasquez. This time Al brought in a Clancy Aviation "Stagger Bee" biplane.

Al decided to go with an OS 26 four stroke engine up front, and a three channel radio with pull-pull controls to the tail feathers.

The sharp trim scheme is red on yellow, using Micafilm, which Al says is 40% lighter than MonoKote.

This has to be one of the best deals in model aviation: for \$89 you get the complete kit, with wheels, tires, and covering. And unlike the regular Bee, this model has higher aspirations than simply being the club Target Drone (especially with the OS 26 pulling the model along).

It's another beauty, Al !



Bill Johnson brought in a rubber powered "Penny Plane" from his alternate life as an indoor free flight pilot.

And would you believe that this tiny budgie is an ARF kit?

Tipping the scales at a robust 5 grams, this model will cruise along nicely at a walking pace with a few hundred twists of the rubber motor doing the work. Bill even conducted a few cross-basement flights (which amazingly did not result in any crunching sounds). And showed the proper way to "hand land" a model.

It's a bit off the path from "RC", but it's all good!

That's all for the Show and Tell reviews!

April Meeting Minutes

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Last year the club bought 25 yards of gravel for \$150. No doubt the price will have increased since then, but this should give a rough idea what the costs are.

Dick Wheeler will try to contact the same gentlemen that we used last year to see what his costs and schedule are, and report back to the club for further action.

AMA Activities: Secretary Tim Edmunds reported that he would be submitting the

applications for the AMA Intro Pilot program. Doc Bartlett, Jason Fine, and Al Vasquez will be the official instructors in support of the Intro Pilot program, and the club will pay the \$5 per instructor fee. While this program can be helpful in recruiting new membes, the instructor certification will also support Jason Fine's Radio Control Modeling adult education course.

Spring Float Fly: Al "Club Social Direc-

tor" Vasquez announced he had to change the date of the Float Fly to Saturday, May 5. [Naturally, right after the original date had appeared in the newsletter - and the new date would precede the May issue! Arrgh! Ed.] Al also had decided to jetison the Combat Gremlin Meet - at least until the Fall.

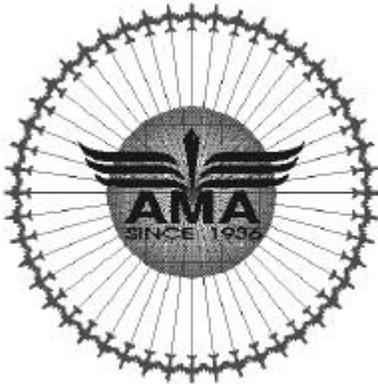
A motion was made to approve an expenditure of up to \$100 in support of the Float Fly. The motion was seconded and ap-

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proved by voice vote.

Lifetime Membership: A motion was made, seconded, and approved, to award *Bill Baker* with a Lifetime Membership in the Quinapoxet Model Flying Club. It's a small tribute but a heartfelt one. Congratulations to Bill, a long time member and one heck of a nice guy.

Another Club Web Site: Jason Fine is in the process of setting up some web space for club oriented material. Keep an eye on <http://www.qmfc.rc.com> as new things should be showing up soon.

Speaking of Jason: His adult education course on RC modeling went very well. Jason had up to seven students in the course, which ran for 8 weeks, building a SIG Kadet-25. He also planned on tearing down an engine to show how it worked.

As the course neared completion, program costs totalled \$400, which covered the plane, engine, and radio system, and various incidental items. Funds provided by the AMA grant that Jason had been awarded covered all program costs.

The plane was completed and Jason was only waiting for good weather to start flight training with the students.

This undertaking was a job well done by Jason, who continues to represent all the best parts of the QMFC.

Newcomers Howard Sprague and his son came by as they were thinking about joining the club. Bob Perreault volunteered to take them flying and help them decide to take the plunge.

Check out the *April Show and Tell*. And come to the next meeting!

